

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 7, 2005

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 7, at 3:00 p.m., at Our Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley **(ABS)**
Megan Norris **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Cmdr. John Mlysanczyk
Insp. Wilson-Turner
Insp. Duane McKissic
Lt. Laura Adams
Lt. Lloyd Sharper
Lt. John Serda
Lt. Emanuel Martinez
Sgt. Marc DeLuca
Sgt. Tonya Colfin
Sgt. Arthur Divers
Sgt. Murphy

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Jacqueline Fulbright
Richard Jones
Ms. Walters
Sandra Mercer
Don Goldpaugh

RECORDERS

John
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Exec Dir. Goss introduced Judge Maria Ison from the 3rd Circuit Court, who will be swearing in Comm. Ramirez.

Judge Maria Ison from 3rd Circuit Court performed the swearing-in ceremony for Chairperson Ramirez.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she wanted to give thanks to our heavenly father, Denise Hooks, her son Ramon. She has instructed her so to walk a fine line of who he hangs out with and what he does, because does not want to on the front page of the newspaper. She gave thanks to her new boss

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Ramirez tabled the approval of the Minutes for **Thursday, July 7, 2005** until the next full meeting of the Board.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

This Week

Year to Date

2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints: 20 747

2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints: 22 804

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 55 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 25 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 0 cases to OCI.

6. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND CONSPIRACY UNITS

During the period of June 27th – July 3rd, the Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units conducted 9 search warrants and 5 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ♦ 12 Felony arrests
 - ♦ 25 Misdemeanor arrests
 - ♦ 2,648.2 Grams of cocaine, 19 grams of heroin, 8,697.8 grams of marijuana - street value **\$1,128,271.00**
 - ♦ **\$7,760.00** U.S. currency
- Confiscated:
- ♦ 7 Hand guns

- ◆ 1 Vehicle

THE HOMICIDE SECTION

On June 27th, officers from the Homicide Section responded to the 6800 block of Covert on a "One Down, Dead Body Found in an Abandoned Garage" run. The officers observed a twenty one year old male who had sustained a gunshot wound to the head. An investigation revealed that the man had traveled to the city to visit an old friend. During the course of their conversation the man told his friend that he was in possession of \$10,000.00 in cash. The friend contacted a third man who came to an arranged location armed with a shotgun to stage a robbery. As the man gave up the money he was shot in the chest. The two (2) men then moved the man's body to the vacant garage located on Covert. The two men were arrested without incident and a full confession was obtained from both men involved.

THE VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE

On June 28th, an anonymous tip was called into the Violent Crimes Task Force as to the whereabouts of a man wanted in connection with several unsolved murders that have occurred in the city of Detroit. The caller stated the man was headed for Metro Airport and planning to board a Southwest Airline headed for Texas. The Violent Crimes Task Force in a combined effort with the Air Port Police began to search all possible gates. As a result of their quick actions and keen observation skills, the wanted man was arrested without incident.

Police/Community Intervention

TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
2,154

FIRST PRECINCT

On July 3rd, officers of the 1st Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Larned and St. Antoine, observed two (2) men tampering with a vehicle. As a result of an investigation and after a brief foot chase two (2) men were arrested for "Carrying Concealed Weapon – Motor Vehicle." Further investigation revealed that one of the men was wanted in

connection with a non-fatal shooting and was also responsible for a rash of "Breaking and Entering – Motor Vehicle" crimes committed in the 1st Precinct. Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

THIRD PRECINCT

On June 29th, officers of the 3rd Precinct responded to the 6900 block of Sarena on a "Shots Fired" run. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Felony Assault / Domestic Violence", "Felony Firearm" and "Discharging a Weapon in a Building." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On June 29th, officers of the 8th Precinct responded to the 18000 block of Lahser on "Stabbing, Man Down" run. As a result of an investigation one (1) woman was arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder."

TENTH PRECINCT

On June 29th, officers of the 10th Precinct, while on patrol in the 2400 block of Monterey, observed two (2) men running down the street with guns in their hands. Subsequent to an investigation both men were arrested for "Carrying Concealed Weapon – Person" and "Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance." Confiscated were two (2) handguns, 2 grams of cocaine and 16 grams of marijuana.

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On June 30th, officers of the 12th Precinct responded to the 15000 block of Quincy on a "Robbery/Armed-Person" run. An investigation revealed that a man and a woman pulled up in a white car and robbed a man at gunpoint. As a result of an investigation and after a brief foot chase one (1) man and one (1) woman was arrested for "Armed Robbery." Confiscated were numerous long guns and handguns.

ELEVENTH PRECINCT

On July 1st, officers of the 11th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Seven Mile and Van Dyke, observed two (2) masked men running from a nearby restaurant with guns in their hands. Believing the restaurant had just been robbed, the officers followed the men. Subsequent to an investigation both men were arrested without incident. Confiscated were two (2) handguns and two (2) masks.

POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

On June 28th, officers of the Police Community Services Unit conducted a "Teen Dating" awareness seminar that educates teens on issues such as safety and etiquette guidelines.

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

7. PRESENTATION – EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

P.O. Chuck Gregory gave the following PowerPoint presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chairperson Ramirez asked in case we have a blackout we will be able to communicate with each other.

Sgt. Jones stated what happens with that, with the blackout it will give us that opportunity, but there are some channels on there that we could go to and we should never be without communication based on the functionality of the radio. We can move to different places and still talk and communicate with one another.

Comm. Hampton asked what percent of the Department is trained as we speak.

Sgt. Jones right now, I will say probably about a third of the Department has been trained. But, we are moving in that direction and the closer we get to August we have to have them all trained, because when we switch them over everybody has to go at one time. You just can't piece them in.

Chairperson Ramirez asked you have a third, you think you can make it by August.

Sgt. Jones stated Oh yeah we will make it, we'll make it by August.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated Madam Chair one of the reasons we are going to the eight hundred (800) Mega hertz system because of its interoperability and our goal to communicate with other agencies. That's what happened in the 911 attack Fire and Police in the same building. In the building their radios just like ours in buildings does not allow us to have radio coverage. The other thing each Police Officer will be assigned their own radio so they want have to check them out every single day. We purchased enough to assign each Officer so they will be responsible. They are quite expensive if they are missed placed or lost the Officer are responsible for reimbursement to the Department.

Sgt. Jones stated what we found out was we did a study in Third Precinct and we gave the radios to the officers. When they became theirs they became stakeholders and did a better job of taking care of them. When they just came

in to check one out every day they didn't really care. So now this become their lifeline to the outside world and we found out they will take better care of them.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if they loose it they pay for it.

Sgt. Jones stated yes Mam.

Chairperson Ramirez I was just wondering where are they going to carry it.

Sgt. Jones stated what happens when they are issued they get a carrier and a public safety mic. that comes with the radio and it allows them to carry the radio secured.

Comm. Hampton asked these are a little more compacted than the other ones.

Sgt. Jones stated yes. Like the Chief indicated if we needed to, I can call the far west end of Michigan and talk to Law Enforcement up there and it would be just like clear. It's a digital system that reminds me of watching a satellite television at home. If I a regular television and have channel two (2) on and then you look at it on digital what I hear on the regular television comes three seconds later on the satellite dish. These radios are very, very clear and they give us a nice touch if we are inside of a building and those payoffs you will never be able to get back anything else. The biggest thing with the 911 situation the Fire Chief was ordering the Firemans out and the Police was rushing in. Because, you didn't have any communication.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if this was throughout the Fire Department and Police Department.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated is throughout several of city agencies. This includes the Water Department too, because the are operating off of the 800 mega hertz. So it allows us to talk to various city agencies in the invent of a distarious or critical emergency. We will all be talking to one another so we want have the mishaps that has happen in the past with first responders.

Comm. Hampton asked do we get a rebate on the old radios.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated believe me that is something that we will work very, very hard on. Motorola has a monopoly on the market and we have purchased some new radios about a year or so ago. We didn't have a sufficient number as we transition over to this.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that I am not a expert on this, but don't they have like if they really want to cut you off. Do they have like scanners that will shut you where nobody can communicate with one another.

Sgt. Jones stated that this radio has a very nice feature in it. A lot of times we have a problem now, where if somebody was talking, somebody push the mic. in it overrides the person whose talking. Well this radio has a feature that's built into it as soon as they press that mic. It shows the identification of the person who press the mic.. So therefore if we have a person out there who is causing problems we can identify them and deal with them in the appropriate manner. It's got a lot of nice features to it.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Commander if I may can you please stand up. Where would you put this, this thing is heavy.

Commander Thymazk stated on your belt. Most of the time we either have a clip or another pouch. Lt. Martinez has his on his belt as a example.

Comm. Hampton asked the Chief if the Commissioners will be given a memo for a date for training of new mobile units.

Chief Bull-Cummings stated you know the feature that I like on here is the identify, the identification. We have had unfortunately a few members of the Department who has attempted to talk on or walk over someone who's talking. And now we will be able to determine who they are. So that is one of the excellent features.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what if two people is using it.

Chief Bully-Cummings state once you push that button it shows up as to who's radio it is.

Sgt. Jones asked is there any other questions.

Chief Bully-Cummings asked what are these about thirty four hundred dollars (\$3,400).

Sgt. Jones stated the encrypted radios are four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and the crypted radios are five thousand dollars. So we have two different brands out there. The encrypted radios are used by your undercover units and the noncrypted is used by the patrol force. They are expensive, that why when you asked where are we going to put at we will find a place to put them.

Chairperson Ramirez stated I see why they need to take of them for four thousand. Do they depreciate?

Sgt. Jones stated no depreciation.

Comm. Hampton stated to Sgt. Jones a good presentation.

Chairperson Ramirez stated thank you so much.

8. DISCIPLINARY APPEAL ARGUED-APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE

9. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AUTHORITY

Chairperson Ramirez tabled the approval to Accept Grant Authority for Thursday, July 7, 2005 until the next full meeting of the Board.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Hampton, has a recommendation from the Personnel Committee in matter of appeal of this qualified applicant Jessie Aigial. The Personnel Committee has consider the above refrence matter and we make a recommendation to deny the appeal and we invite Mr. Aigial to reapply with the Department in December of 2005.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.
Arab American & Chaldean Center
62 W. 7 Mile
Detroit, MI 48203

12. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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